



PACIFIC UPDATE

Message from our Executive Committee

We hope this Newsletter continues to find you and your family safe and well. We continue to be mindful of staying safe and using the recommended precautions when out and about. Eventually this will become a past event and we will be able to greet and hug one another in person.

This newsletter edition should provide you with some entertaining and informative tidbits to lighten your day and to keep you up to date on your branch activities.

The executive and other members are becoming comfortable in using Zoom, a virtual meeting app. We started our virtual executive meetings in April, with time off for the summer; have had 4 amazing virtual armchair rambles since June and one general

meeting in September. Until we are able to safely meet again, we will continue to use the Zoom platform for our get togethers. We look forward to you joining us and if you are unfamiliar with Zoom we can help. Our next virtual general meeting and elections is on October 29; invitations with the link will be provided in an upcoming eblast.

This year our Christmas Luncheon is unfortunately cancelled. At past Christmas Luncheons we were able to pay membership dues and collect donations for several organizations and would like to encourage you to continue the tradition this year. A way of continuing this tradition is described in this newsletter.

This year is the Pacific Power Pioneers Branch 30th anniversary and we have put together a quiz, not so much to test your knowledge but to provide you with a few facts, in a fun way, as to how this branch was first organized, the people involved in making it happen and some early branch events. But you'll have to wait until the next month's newsletter for the answers, unless you join us at the next general meeting where we'll share the answers and show a short slideshow from 1990 to 2000.

Thanks to Roy our Ramble Chief for organizing the virtual armchair ramble exploring the Louvre in Paris, France. We were accompanied by a number of Vancouver branch members and several Provincial members. Part 2 of this journey of art and history will take place on November 10, more info is provided in this newsletter.

Again we would like to remind you that we have a great team of volunteers willing to offer support such as picking up groceries, medications, or other items you may need if you don't want to venture out. You just need to contact your phoner, any of the executive committee members or email us at pacificpowerpioneers@gmail.com.

Stay safe and well.

Your Executive
Pacific Power Pioneers



Your Executive Team: Top row: Ben Dobranowski, Mel Dear, Kathy Chambers,
Marilynne Hedley.

Middle row: Wendy Doka, Bill Bishop, John and Linda Strobl, Heather Mullan.
Bottom row: Roy Charlesworth, Wayne McLeod, Bill Fernihough, Velma Derksen.

Pacific Branch Christmas Giving



Covid-19 is still with us and will be for awhile yet. As Power Pioneers, we have curtailed our activities, to protect our members. Our Christmas luncheon normally held on the last Thursday in November at Newlands is unfortunately cancelled for this year.

Traditionally we collected food and cash donations at our Christmas luncheon, including: purchasing a 50-50 ticket (50% going to the Surrey Food Bank), making a food and / or cash donation to the Food Bank and submitting a vote & donation to the Festival of Trees event (which is donated to Langley Hospital). Langley Hospital has always received our donation with thanks, and the Food Bank will need donations this Christmas as it always does.

The purpose of this note is to give you the opportunity to make these same monetary donations with the Branch distributing the collected money to the recipients.

Though many Pacific members pay their annual membership dues online through the Power Pioneer Website, many others prefer to pay by cheque. Therefore we have prepared a short form below which you can fill in, sum up the amount for your annual membership dues, and donations (if any) to your choice of one or both organizations, and provide a cheque for the total amount made out to BC Hydro Power Pioneers Pacific Branch. Please mail your cheque by November 26, 2020.

Cheques should be mailed to:

Velma Derksen

Unit 236 - 13888 70th Ave.

Surrey, B.C. V3W 0R8

Thank you for continuing our tradition of Pacific Branch Christmas Giving.

[Click here for the form.](#)

All forms sent in will be eligible for a draw.

Upcoming Events

Virtual General Meeting - Thursday, October 29, 11 A.M.

Our first meeting via Zoom was September 24 with more than 20 people in attendance. Feedback from those who attended said it was really good to see some familiar faces again.

With that in mind, we are going to have another Zoom General meeting on Thursday, Oct 29, 2020 at 11 A.M. The program for the meeting will be a short slide show on the Pacific Branch from 1990 to 2000 with the answers to the Pacific Branch Early History Quiz (see below).

We really would like to have as many members as possible attend. So we are going to do a draw for 3 Gift Certificates to the Power Pioneers Gear Store for all those who are in attendance at the meeting.

To make it even more exciting we are going to do another draw for all those who attend in a Halloween costume!

A Zoom invitation email will be sent out to all Pacific members one day before the date with the Zoom link, an agenda and additional information on using Zoom.

You can join the meeting with a computer, a tablet or a smart phone.

If you need help using Zoom, please call Ben Dobranowski at 604- 916-1081.

Pacific Branch Elections

This is the year for the Pacific Branch elections. There are four elected positions in the branch:

President (2 year term), Vice President (2 year term), Secretary (1 year term) and Treasurer (1 year term).

These following members have been nominated:

President Ben Dobranowski,

Vice President Heather Mullan

Secretary Kathy Chambers (currently in the position)

Treasurer Dave Thomas (currently in the position)

The election will be covered at the October 29 general meeting.

Armchair Virtual Ramble - Tuesday, November, 2020

For the Tuesday 10th November 11 A.M. Armchair Virtual Ramble, we are returning to Paris for Part-2 of 'The Louvre'. Part -1 of the Louvre video tour was broadcast at the October 13th ramble and was well received by 29 Zoom attendees.

The Louvre video tour, provides a unique opportunity to view the treasures within this world class museum, without the usual crowds one would be exposed to during a physical visit.

It is narrated by down to earth local Parisian and ex-pat 'Liverpudlian', Andrew Hussey, who provides comment that the 'un-schooled' art layperson can understand, laced with additional interesting historical facts along with pleasant background music.

Those of you who want to attend and receive a Zoom-link for the presentation, are asked to contact Roy at royc46@shaw.ca or phone him at (604) 897-3583.

A reminder email will be sent a few days prior to the event and Ben will send the Zoom link invite the day before that will allow you to enjoy the presentation, even if your device does not have a camera or microphone.

Care News

A Get Well card was sent to Bill Mullan who had gallbladder surgery.

A Sympathy card was sent to Gail Plowman whose husband Bob Plowman passed away.

Pacific Branch Early History Quiz

We hope you enjoyed last month's quiz. We have a new challenge for you this month.

[Click here for the Pacific Branch Early History Quiz.](#)

To help you with the quiz, we have attached some Pacific documents to give you some clues. [Click here for clues.](#)

We hope you enjoy the quiz. Answers will be provided at the October 29 general meeting and in the next newsletter.

Keeping Our Members Informed

In order to keep you informed about Branch news, we have attached the September 24, 2020 General Meeting minutes and the October Financial Report.

[Click here to read the September 24, 2020 General Meeting minutes.](#)

[Click here to read the October 2020 financial report.](#)

Power Pioneers Literacy Fund Program - Funds deposited automatically via the Return-It Depot Express Return - \$138.70 as of the October 2020

Activities and Zoom

The Activities Committee (Heather Mullan, Ben Dobranowski, Wayne McLeod and Roy Charlesworth) have done some brain storming and put together a list of suggestions for various types of activities our branch might find of interest. Our aim is to provide a way for us to continue to meet as Power Pioneers in a safe environment until that much anticipated vaccine is available.

These activities range from the current virtual meetings and rambles to identifying other ways to socialize including guest speakers, educational programs and sharing of experiences.

[Click here for the list of activities.](#)

If you're interested in participating in Zoom activities and meetings and would like to know the basics of Zoom and how you can access a meeting; we can host a trial run for anyone interested..

[Click here if you interested in participating in Zoom activities and meetings and would like a Zoom trial run](#)

Fall Colours Photo Contest Deadline Extended

The deadline for the Fall Colours Photo contest is extended to November 15, 2020. This will give everyone more time to capture those lovely Fall colourful photos.

Please email your favorite **Fall Colours Photo** to Heather Mullan,

mullanheather1@gmail.com,

to be entered into our contest.

All participants will be entered into a draw for one of three Tim Hortons Gift Certificates. We will display some of the photos in the Newsletters and also put all of your photos into SmugMug and provide a link to SmugMug so everyone can see the photos.

Volunteer Hours Program

This year has been a challenging time for communities throughout the province. Therefore for 2020 each branch will receive \$20 per participating member (member who submits volunteer hours). This money is to be donated to charities within our own communities.

As an added incentive there is a \$1,000 lotto provincial winner prize. The winner will be able to donate the \$1000 to the charity or 2 charities of their choice.

A survey will be emailed to each member by the end of December.

Volunteer hours can take many forms, specially this year of "COVID"

Helping your neighbour by raking leaves, tiding up their gardens before winter, etc.

Phoning isolated contacts, sometimes just talking to them is appreciated

Offer to drive the isolated people to appointments

Picking up groceries for them when you are going to the store

So, no matter how small the gesture may seem, put a note on your calendar, by the end of the year these small gestures will make a difference to many people.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Chambers at 604-594-7586.

Fall Colours



Submitted by Karen Arnold.

Joke for October

Why are trees very forgiving? Because in the Fall they "Let It Go" and in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf".

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/miscellaneousjokes/weatherjokes/falljokes.html>

If you require more information or would like to comment,
please do so to hmullan@telus.net

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